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## Carter to reconsider neutron bomb delay

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Carter is concerned about the Soviet Union's new nuclear weapon in eastern Europe and will take it into account in deciding whether to deploy the neutron bomb, Press Secretary Jody Powell said Tuesday.

Powell said "the president is aware of and concerned" about developments in Soviet nuclear weaponry.

Asked whether that meant the neutron bomb still was seriously considered an option, Powell replied, "You're damn right it is."

Powell made clear his remarks were in response to a Soviet decision to deploy a new nuclear-armed missile in East Germany, the SS-21.

Last year, Carter decided to delay a final decision on whether the neutron weapon would be put into the arsenal of the United States and her allies. Some military leaders believe the weapon, which has power to kill without doing extensive property damage, would be especially useful in Europe.

"The president's final decision... will be affected by Soviet behavior," Powell said.

"The Soviets are well aware of our concerns," Powell said.

He said U.S. consideration of the neutron bomb was unlikely to hamper talks between Washington and Moscow on a new strategic arms limitation treaty, discussions which Carter has said are entering the final stages.

Powell said the SS-21 — one of three short-range missiles the Soviet Union has developed recently — would not be covered by a SALT II agreement, but that it would be negotiated in subsequent arms talks.

"We are continuing to monitor the Soviet nuclear modernization program, with a view toward Soviet restraint," Powell said. "The president's final decision on enhanced radiation capabilities (the formal name for the neutron bomb) for our nuclear weapons will be affected by Soviet behavior."

The United States already has developed the neutron weapon, but Carter decided last year against production of the controversial device.

However, he said he would reconsider if the Soviet Union did not restrain nuclear deployments.

Critics say the neutron weapon is inhumane since it is aimed at destroying humans instead of property, and some contend it would increase the risk of tragedy since the military might be tempted to use it in a "limited" nuclear war.

Powell said, "The successful negotiation and ratification of a SALT II treaty is essential to permit us to move on to SALT III and other discussions... to abort the threat of a nuclear arms race."

"In short, the president is aware of and he is concerned about the Soviet nuclear moderniza-

tion program, which is directed against our NATO allies, and he is determined... to take the necessary defense and arms control steps to deal with that situation."

Powell's remarks followed news reports on the SS-21 which said American intelligence analysts had observed the missile recently for the first time with Soviet forces in East Germany.

Military analysts say the SS21 is in the class of tactical nuclear weapons that the United States and Russia have been deploying in Europe for two decades. Each nation has several hundred short-range nuclear weapons in friendly European nations.

## Insight City boards to be target of redesign

Columbians who want to participate actively in city government often become members of the city's many boards and commissions. But city officials are questioning the effectiveness of the commissions as they are now organized and the requirements for commission membership.

Mayor Clyde Wilson has asked City Manager Stuart Campbell to study commissions for possible reorganization. The City Council recently passed an ordinance clarifying residency requirements. And Fifth Ward Councilman Ed Vaughan has suggested membership requirements be made uniform for all boards and commissions, except when state law mandates different requirements.

About 200 citizens serve on 34 city boards and commissions. The City

This story about city boards and commissions was written by Sandra Miller, Chuck Sarrington and Jeannine Sweat of the Columbia Missourian's special reporting team on government and politics.

Council will make about 20 appointments in May.

Those interested in serving on a board or commission should fill out a statement of availability and return it to City Clerk Glenn Wood. "We don't have a problem getting citizens to apply for commissions, except when the commission requires a professional; then it takes a little longer," Wood says. He sends copies of applications to each council member one week before they are to make an appointment.

Appointees must be registered voters in Columbia for a certain number of years; the number varies with each commission. A recent ordinance passed by the council requires that board members also live in the city, not just vote here.

Fourth Ward Councilman Jim Goodrich says he looks for "someone who can do the job adequately and efficiently" when trying to fill a position. He wants a person with objectivity, not someone with "an axe to grind." An applicant should be "very conscientious and willing to put in the time," he says.

Goodrich actively seeks people for commission vacancies. He says, however, that "you don't have to make too many phone calls" to find someone willing to serve.

Vaughan also has called those he thinks are qualified or might be interested in serving. In addition, he has called people in the black community to ask them to help find qualified people to serve.

More than 42 percent of city board (See MANY, Page 16A)



Citizens demand a review of the Callaway County nuclear plant outside the PSC's St. Louis office.

UPI telephoto

## Group seeking nuclear plant examination

Petitions asking the Missouri Public Service Commission to re-examine the need and cost-effectiveness of two units at the Callaway County nuclear power plant site will be delivered to Jefferson City today where the commission may discuss action on them.

Jay Johnson, a PSC official in St. Louis, said the petitions, signed by about 15,000 Missourians, were delivered to the commission's St. Louis office at a noon rally Tuesday. About 100 persons attended the hour-long rally, which included speeches and protest songs.

The petitions are sponsored by Missourians for Safe Energy, St. Louisans for Safe Energy and the Coalition for the Environment. They are protesting the construction of two units at Union Electric Co.'s Callaway County nuclear power plant site.

Johnson deferred comment on the petitions until after the commission discusses them. Missourians for Safe Energy spokesmen Mark Haim and Steve Johnson, both of Columbia, were unavailable for comment.

## Israel strikes hard at guerrilla positions

United Press International

Israeli warplanes blasted wide areas of southern Lebanon Tuesday and gunboats and long-range artillery pounded Palestinian camps in retaliation for terrorist forays into Israel. The Palestinians claimed one plane was shot down.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin called for a mandatory death penalty — carried out by Israel only once before, against Nazi Adolf Eichmann — for terrorists who strike at Israeli civilian targets.

A spokesman for the Palestine Liberation Organization said the fighter-bombers swept over the southern towns of Nabatieh, Arnoun, Shibreah and a stronghold near the ancient Crusader castle at Beaufort.

The PLO news agency Wafa said anti-aircraft batteries shot down one of Israel's American-made Phantom jets near Tyre, 14 miles (22 kilometers) north of the border. It reported the fate of the pilot and the number of casualties in the raid were unknown.

The Israeli military command denied any plane was downed. An official statement said guerrillas had massed large quantities of artillery, mortars and rocket launchers in the areas that were bombed.

"The purpose of the attack is to hit at the

## U.N. says shells were Israel's

BEIRUT, Lebanon (UPI) — Despite Israel's vehement denials, U.N. officials say the shells fired against U.N. and Lebanese army positions last week were U.S.-made and fired from Israel, the Beirut newspaper *IKE* said Tuesday.

The English-language daily said its conclusions were based on an inspection of shell craters by two American officers attached to the U.N. forces.

*IKE* said the American officers also discover-

ed that the Israelis had been using special "firecracker" shells, similar to cluster bombs, against Palestinian targets, although U.S.-Israeli agreements had said such shells "were only to be used by Israel in strict self-defense."

Officers with the U.N. force "took great pains to state that, in their opinion, last week's heavy bombardment of positions in and around the U.N.-controlled area of south Lebanon could not have been done without considerable direct Israeli involvement," *IKE* said.

Palestinian raid on Nahariya, also announced he would seek a mandatory death penalty for terrorists guilty of extreme acts of violence against civilians.

Two Palestinians who took part in the Nahariya raid were captured. If executed, they would be the first victims of Israeli capital punishment since Deputy Nazi Fuehrer Adolf Eichmann was hanged May 31, 1962, near Tel Aviv.

Egypt, preparing for a visit today by Israeli

Defense Minister Ezer Weizman to define the limits of Palestinian autonomy under the new peace treaty, condemned the strikes into Lebanon.

A harshly worded statement from Cairo said Egypt would "consult with the United States to consider steps that should be taken in this connection to halt Israel's continuing attempt to sabotage efforts for settlement of the Palestinian problem."

A PLO spokesman in Beirut said the Israeli attacks were "only pouring oil on the fire. The Palestinian people will continue resisting. If the Israelis want to heat up the situation, let them. This is the best proof that there can be no peace in the Middle East without the Palestinian people and the PLO."

Four Palestinian guerrillas slipped into the northern Israeli town of Nahariya Sunday and blasted their way through an apartment building. Four Israelis and two of the terrorists died during the raid. The other two were captured.

Within hours of the raid, Begin ordered gunboats to shell Lebanese coastal towns and kept up the assaults Monday and Tuesday. Incomplete casualty figures showed at least 10 people had been killed and 22 wounded.

The air strike was the second over Lebanon in two weeks.

## Recording of Bonuchi's 'confession' erased

By Clinton Baller  
Missourian staff writer

One of two former El Reno, Okla., police officers sought as witnesses in a Columbia murder trial told the Columbia Missourian Tuesday that a tape containing a confession of Shawn Bonuchi has been erased.

Former Detective Lt. Art Power said the tape was erased after someone in the department determined that it would be inadmissible as evidence at a trial.

Power said he does not know who made the decision. He said he delivered the tape to a secretary of the police department and asked that it be transcribed. Someone — he did not say who — halted the transcription of the tape on the grounds that it would be inadmissible.

Power said no attorney was present when the tape was made, and he added

that this was the only known tape of the alleged confession. The former officer did not say why an attorney was not present at the time.

Power left the department earlier this month, four months after Bonuchi and Mitchell Dean Osburn, both 17, were arrested on Nov. 30 and charged with the abduction and murder of Columbia car salesman Gregory Bond.

Along with two other former El Reno police officers and the court-appointed attorney for Bonuchi and Osburn in El Reno, Power is being sought to testify at a pre-trial hearing for Osburn Thursday in Boone County Circuit Court.

Defense attorney Cullen Cline has filed motions for the suppression of statements allegedly made by Osburn after his arrest and evidence of the discovery and circumstances of the location of Bond's body.

Cline filed subpoenas April 20 for

Power, former El Reno Police Capt. Ray Watson, former officer Michael Selfridge and El Reno attorney Richard Lewis, who represented the youths during Oklahoma extradition proceedings. The subpoenas, however, never were served.

Boone County Prosecuting Attorney Joe Moseley had trouble locating the ex-policemen Thursday when he tried to serve them. He then decided the men's testimony was not necessary for his case. Moseley agreed to stipulate that no lawyer or adult guardian of the youths was present when the youths made their statements to El Reno police.

The Monday hearing was continued to Thursday after Cline requested time to locate the former policemen and serve them with the subpoenas. Cline said he wasn't sure if he could proceed with his case without them.

At the hearing, Moseley agreed to assist Cline in finding the men. Moseley said Tuesday an assistant had asked the El Reno police to locate the men. "I'm sure they've been notified," he said.

Cline said he has asked Canadian County Sheriff Jerry Irvin to do the job.

But as of late Tuesday, neither Power nor Watson had been served with subpoenas. Selfridge was unavailable for comment, and Lewis reportedly will attend the hearing.

The Missourian, however, located Power and Watson and spoke with both men Tuesday.

Power said he would be willing to come to Columbia Thursday for the hearing, but that he had not been contacted by anyone about the case. "I'm not that hard to find," he said. "Everybody (in the police department) knows where I work."

Watson, who was slightly harder to

reach, was more reticent. He said he would prefer not to come to Columbia because it would interfere with his job.

The apparent lack of communication between El Reno police and Columbia authorities results from a major shakeup in the El Reno Police Department since the arrest of Osburn and Bonuchi.

Both Power and Watson, along with former Police Chief Joe Robertson, were fired after what Power described as "a filthy political deal," unrelated to the Bonuchi and Osburn case.

Selfridge, on the other hand, quit the department more as a direct result of his handling of the Osburn and Bonuchi case than of any politics, according to Watson and Power. Watson, Selfridge's supervisor in the department, said Tuesday he would have fired Selfridge had he not quit. Watson said Selfridge's handling of evidence was bad.

## Inside today Kennel decision

A Hallsville couple soon may have to move their 2-year-old kennel business as the result of losing a legal battle over zoning. See Page 16A.

## In town today

7:30 p.m. "As You Like It," Stephens College Playhouse.  
7:30 p.m. "Here We Are" and "Two Desperate Men," University Studio Theater, Gentry Hall.  
7:30 p.m. "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs of the Black Forest," West Junior High gymnasium.

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